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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

**PARTICIPANTS: Senators Russell, Byrd and Saltonstall, and
Messrs. Allen Dulles and Paul**

1. The Director had requested a meeting with Senator Russell for the purpose of discussing certain Agency problems and of establishing a modus operandi with the Senate Armed Services Committee during the present Session of the Congress. Just prior to the meeting, Senator Russell called to ask whether the Director would object to having Senators Byrd and Saltonstall present, and the Director said that he would be very pleased to meet with them.

3. The Joint Committee problem was raised by the Director. He explained recent actions by the House Rules Committee, and informed the Senators of Mr. Vinson's concern about the situation. Senator Russell stated that he did not know what Senator Mansfield's exact intentions were, but that Mansfield had told him last Fall that he did not plan to "press" his resolution this Session unless it was previously passed by the House.

4. The Director raised the problem of the building and described the likely shortfall in funds. This led to a lengthy discussion of the personnel strength of the Agency, but when the discussion returned to the

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funding of the building, Senator Saltonstall remarked that he understood that the Smithsonian Institute was also some \$12 million short of its required funds for construction, and that he imagined that a number of other government buildings face the same problem. He seemed to feel that this matter should be taken up by the Congress in the context of all new funding requirements for construction. None of the Senators volunteered any special opinion as to whether CIA should or should not seek additional funds during this Session.

5. CIA personnel strength in Headquarters was the principal topic of discussion.

6. At the conclusion of the meeting, I handed Senator Russell a classified report which he had requested on his 1955 trip to the Soviet Union, prepared by [] of this Agency.

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7. On the way back from the meeting, the Director instructed me to inform those concerned that he wanted to expedite the completion of the functional breakdown of personnel so that he could brief the interested Congressmen and Senators at the earliest possible time.

/s/ Norman S. Paul

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